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Honorable Loretta A. Preska
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LORETTA A. PRESKA
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE
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Re: Felix Colon v. Astrue
08 Civ. 1925 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in the above-referenced action. During my preparation of the government's response to the complaint, I encountered several issues that require additional factual investigation before submitting the government's response. Therefore, I respectfully request an extension of thirty days from July 7, 2008, until August 6, 2008, to respond to the complaint.

This is defendant's second request for an extension of time to answer the complaint, which was originally due on May 6, 2008. Plaintiff pro se has kindly consented to this request.

SO ORDERED

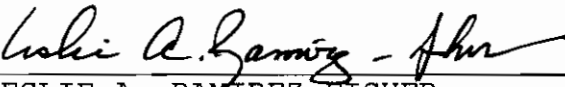
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July 3, 2008

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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